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*****NOTICE*** LOEWS THEATER, NEW ORLEANS - CLOSED UNTIL DANGERS REMEDIED**

On Thursday, February 15, 2007, the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal inspected the Loews State Theater in New Orleans, LA and found multiple fire and life safety deficiencies. In response to these findings, the State Fire Marshal filed a Petition for Injunction to prohibit the use of the building until the dangerous conditions are remedied. The Fire Marshal's request for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) was granted on February 15, 2007 by Chief Judge Nadine Ramsey.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1575 and compliance with the TRO, the Fire Marshal has ordered the immediate closure of the facility at 1108 Canal Street, known as the Loews State Theater, also known as the State Palace Theater or the Anirtak Theater, until such time that the deficiencies which rendered the facility susceptible to fire and hazardous to life safety are corrected.

*****Persons participating in or planning to attend any events at this facility in the near future and until this order is lifted should contact their event coordinator(s) for further details on event schedule and relocation.*****

§1575. Inspection of premises; orders for repair or removal of dangerous conditions

A. Upon complaint of any person or upon his own initiative when he thinks necessary, the fire marshal or any of his authorized representatives may inspect any structure, watercraft, or movable within the state except the interiors of private and one- or two-family dwellings.

B. Whenever the inspecting officer finds any such structure, watercraft, or movable, which, for any cause, is especially liable to fire or dangerous to life or which is so situated as to endanger other property or the occupants thereof, he shall order the dangerous materials removed, the condition of the premises remedied, or the premises razed. The occupant of the structure, watercraft, or movable shall not permit it to be used until the fire marshal certifies that the hazardous conditions have been eliminated.

C. Among the causes which render a structure, watercraft, or movable especially liable to fire or dangerous to life are the following:

- (1) Want of repairs.
- (2) Age or deteriorated condition.
- (3) Lack of sufficient fire alarm or fire extinguishing apparatus.
- (4) Lack of adequate means of ingress and egress.
- (5) Lack of adequate, unrestricted passageways to the entrances and exits.
- (6) Presence of combustible, explosive, or inflammable material.

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